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Village Trustees Hold Important Meeting

Wheeler Calhoun Appointed Member of Board. Sidewalks, Streets and Alleys to be Thrown Open.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Columbus Tuesday evening Wheeler Calhoun was appointed trustee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of J. R. Osborne.

An order was issued instructing acting marshal Jack Thomas to have all obstructions removed from the sidewalks, and also to have all streets and alleys within the townsite opened. He was also instructed to rigidly enforce Village Ordinance No. 5, which prohibits the sweeping of paper, garbage or refuse of any kind into the streets. Some of the residents, and some among the oldest merchants, have been in the habit of sweeping all the dirt and trash from their places of business into the public streets. This violation is punishable by fine or imprisonment, and any violators will be rigidly punished.

On Taft Street are a number of root beer stands and other business enterprises located on the sidewalks. These stands will all be taken out and the streets and walks given over to traffic.

An ordinance establishing fire limits was also adopted. This includes blocks 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24 of the original townsite of Columbus, and blocks 29 and 42 of the Eastside Addition to Columbus. Before a building can be constructed in this section it will be necessary to secure a building permit and also to build fireproof houses.

The Clerk of the board was instructed to draft a traffic ordinance for consideration at the next regular meeting. No serious accidents so far have happened on account of reckless driving, but it is desired by the Trustees that a traffic ordinance be adopted and enforced before something serious does happen. Many of the drivers do not seem to think that there is any such thing as a speed limit judging from the rate of speed they generally travel.

Must be 18 to Enlist.

Announcement is made that secretary of war Baker has instructed commanders of military departments not to enlist in the national guard boys under the age of 18, either with or without the consent of parents or guardians.

The W. C. T. U. will meet next Monday afternoon at 3 at the church.

Hearing on 3-Cent Passenger Fare

The State Corporation Commission has decided to call a formal hearing on the question of a 3-cent passenger fare in New Mexico, at which the New Mexico railroads will be required to show cause why such a rate should not be made effective in this state. October 16 was set as the date of the hearing.

The motion for the hearing was introduced by Commissioner Oscar L. Owen, and was approved by Commissioner Matthew S. Groves and Hugh Williams. It passed unanimously.

The motion cites that at the informal conference on passenger rates held in Santa Fe Monday, "the question of establishing a 3-cent per mile maximum passenger fare on the major lines of railway" was presented, and the rate requested, and that the concession was declined by the carriers.

That any attempt to establish a 3-cent passenger rate in New Mexico will be strenuously opposed by the railroads of the state was plainly indicated at the conference Monday, and in the event the commission following the formal hearing, orders that such a rate be placed in effect, an appeal to the supreme court undoubtedly will be taken. The railroads will fight the rate on the ground that their present rates for interstate business are unprofitable. At the conference this week J. M. Connel, general passenger agent of the Santa Fe, stated that the intrastate passengers on the Santa Fe lines averaged only eight per cent, and that the intrastate business was being handled at an actual loss.

Date Set For Republican Convention

By order of the Republican State Central Committee, a delegate convention is called to meet in the City of Santa Fe on the 23rd day of August, 1916, for the purpose of nominating three candidates for Presidential electors, one candidate for United States Senate, one candidate for Congressman, one candidate for Justice of the Supreme Court, candidates for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, State Auditor, State Treasurer, Attorney General, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Commissioner of Public Lands, Corporation Commissioner, and to transact such other business as may come before the convention. Luna County is entitled to three delegates, and the convention will consist of a delegation of 254.

Dr. Dabner reports the arrival of a nine pound baby boy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Huble on Thursday Morning.

Police Court Proceedings

The following cases were heard and disposed of in Judge Peach's court this week:

Hestah and Maggie Williams, vagrancy, fined \$2 and \$5 and costs.

C. H. Johnson, Chas. Holden, James Sney and S. D. Fairfield were charged with selling booze without license. The two first named were bound over in \$1500 bond. The latter two were dismissed.

Henry Burton, carrying gun without settlement, fined \$10 and costs.

Frank Hirsch, charged with selling liquor without a license, bound over to the action of the grand jury in a \$2500 bond.

Ora Harris, charged with assault with intent to kill, sent to grand jury; bond set at \$1000.

Buck Moore paid \$15 and costs for being drunk and disorderly.

Edward E. Reed was bound over to await the action of the grand jury in the sum of \$2,000 for selling liquor without license.

Jesse Sams was charged of robbery from the person. He was sent to the grand jury, his bond being fixed at \$1,000.

Frank Welch, Vincent contributed \$20 and costs for resisting an officer.

Helen Rivers, drunk and disorderly, fined \$5 and costs.

Florence Roper, petit larceny, 60 days in county jail.

James P. Kane, drunk and disorderly, was assessed a fine of \$5 and costs.

James Rhodes was tried on a charge of buying and concealing government property. Was bound over to await the action of the grand jury first Monday in October. He was requested to make a bond of \$1000 or go to jail.

Nick Pappas and his partner were fined \$10 and costs for throwing the dish water from their restaurant out on the street.

Jeff Davis and Wm. LeClair paid \$5 each and costs for engaging in a fist fight.

E. P. & S. W. Officials Here

T. M. Schumacher, Vice President, G. F. Hawks, General Manager, S. C. Eccles, Assistant General Manager and Garnett King, General Passenger Agent of the E. P. & S. W. railroad were in Columbus Saturday the 15th instant, on official business. The company is preparing some new advertising literature and folders, and will feature Columbus.

It is thought that all tourists passing through Columbus will be allowed the privilege of stopping over in order to view the town made famous by the Villa raid, the same being emphasized when the new folder and timetable is published.

Hernandez in Maryland

Hon. B. C. Hernandez, New Mexico's congressman, was the principal speaker at a meeting held at Capitol Heights, Maryland a few nights ago. The Maryland Journal, published at that place, has the following to say editorially in regard to the newest state's representative in the Congressional Hall.

"A man who is winning for himself an enviable reputation not only as the representative of the growing State from which he comes, but as a fair-minded, far-seeing member of Congress, is the Hon. B. C. Hernandez of New Mexico. The people of the new southwestern Commonwealth made no mistake in choosing him to represent them in Washington, and it is equally certain that they will not fail to renew their faith in him at the coming election."

While Mr. Hernandez is an adherent to the principles upon which the Republican party rests its claims to popular approval, he is fair toward those who differ with him in the solution of political problems. This was shown in the able speech delivered by him in Capitol Heights last Monday night.

Mr. Wilson's failure to measure up to the standard of statesmanship set by both parties in the past for men who aspire to Presidential honors was convincingly discussed by the New Mexico Congressman without the utterance of an unkind word. His address from the first to last was an admirable presentation of the cause of Republicanism.

In case Congress continues in session during the summer and Mr. Hernandez remains in Washington, it is not to be doubted that he will frequently be called upon to address Republican gatherings in the Fifth Congressional District. His knowledge of public affairs, especially those of Mexico, about which so many people know so little and about which he seems to know so much, coupled with a forceful and convincing manner of setting forth facts, make him a man whose voice will be heard with gladness by men of all parties in the coming campaign and whose work will tell for the party that stands for something—the party headed by Hughes and Fairbanks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Page are preparing to leave for the Pacific coast, where they expect to remain for several months. Mr. Page has been in very poor health, and thinks he will be bettered by moving to a lower altitude.

Postmaster L. L. Burkhead is planting ten acres in broom corn, and an additional ten acres in sudan grass on his ranch ten miles north of town. Since the increased business in the post-office, and being compelled to employ several more clerks, not knowing whether they will be paid by the government or whether the money comes out of his own salary, which is based on last year's business, he decided that he would try to devise some scheme to break even, so he is trying farming. The past two years he has twenty acres in wheat, which produced a good crop, and a still better one of broom corn and sudan grass is expected. He doesn't expect to bring down the prices of brooms any, having informed the editor that he would only put a small amount of the broom stuff on the market at a time.

New Mexico State Fair

Competition for the big cash prizes for the best county displays at the coming state fair promises to be the keenest on record, according to reports coming into the fair headquarters. Last year only about six of the counties were actively contesting for the three cash prizes, which totaled \$1,800. Roosevelt County surprised the state by winning first money (\$1,000) and Eddy County was second. San Juan County's third place was hotly contested by San Miguel, Dona Ana and Santa Fe Counties.

About two thirds of the counties now have made their appropriations for the county displays at this year's fair. Those include all of last year's money winners, and several which did not even get into the blue ribbon class, but which were encouraged to make the effort this year by the large publicity and other direct benefits enjoyed by the money winners. Requests for space allotments and details as to space at the disposal of the fair commission are pouring in, and in a number of the counties committees and exhibit experts are actively at work assembling or arranging for the displays. Both Roosevelt and Eddy Counties will be actively in the race for the prize money again this year. There is sharp rivalry between the two counties, and both will make extraordinary efforts. Their competition, however, will be with a much larger field this year. Appropriations of \$1,000 or more have been made by ten counties, and several appropriated from \$500 to \$750. Each one proposes to win the big first cash prize.

As was the case last year, absolute fairness will prevail in allotting exhibit space in the display halls. The agricultural display halls this year will be square, and will not only avoid much of the space waste suffered by the shape of last year's enclosure, but also will give exhibitors a much better opportunity for effective displays.

There is no longer any doubt that every one of New Mexico's twenty-six counties will be represented this year with official county displays. Arrangements are being made for about double the display space used last year.

Good Platform for Any Family

Live within your means; save a little money; acquire a little property.

Teach your children not to be ashamed to work at a honest labor and shun idleness.

Avoid, if possible, having them grow up with the idea of getting soft jobs from the public.

Prepare plain food at home instead of buying high-priced canned stuff and delicatessen supplies.

Teach the girls to make their own clothes, trim their own hats and keep account of their expenses.

Let the family respect in dustries and cultivate harmless and inexpensive amusements.—Colonel E. Hofer.

In order that none of our readers be misinformed, we desire to make a correction of an article which appeared in the Courier last week. The Jack London referred to was not the author Jack, but a real man—a man of business. Mr. London is from Oklahoma City, and is here on business matters.

New Mexico Guards Can Vote Next Fall

If They Are Still at Columbus They Will Become Citizens of Luna County.

Colonel Jacob O. Chavez, superintendent of insurance recently called attention of all New Mexico guardsmen at the border to the importance of having insurance companies endorse policies which do not contain a clause permitting a policyholder to go to war. If the members of a New Mexico regiment of the National Guard are at Columbus on November 7, the date of the general election, they can vote for national, state and county candidates, in the opinion of Assistant Attorney General Harry S. Clancy. Mr. Clancy's opinion is based on section 7 of the state constitution, which relates to elective franchise, and which provides "that every male citizen of the United States who is over the age of 21 years and who has resided in New Mexico twelve months, in the county ninety days and in the precinct in which he offers to vote thirty days, shall be qualified to vote at all elections for public office." If the militiamen are at Columbus November 7 their stay will have extended over a period of several months, and they consequently will be entitled to vote in that precinct for Luna County offices, as well as for candidates for state and national offices. If the New Mexico Guardsmen vote at Columbus in November the voting strength of Luna County will be nearly doubled, as the total of the votes cast for the three candidates for governor in 1911 was only 953. The stay of the regiment there might effect the result in the county election.

The citizens of Columbus could possibly get together and enlist the assistance of the guard and move the county seat from Deming to Columbus this fall if anyone cared to do so, but it would possibly bring up the usual large number of candidates and office seekers that can be found around the county capital at all times, and for this reason we believe Columbus will be better off without the change. Any way, our friend Bill Holt would be opposed to the move, and the Courier does not care to take issue with him, so with all things duly considered we are not in favor of the move at this particular time.

Has Villa's Saddle Taken in Raid

J. W. Blair, of Columbus, N. M., is in the city. Mr. Blair was in Columbus at the time of the famous raid of Villa and his bandits. He has with him a saddle that belonged to the bandit chieftain. He had charge of the sale of forty horses captured by American troops at the time of the raid.

Mr. Blair is here with Mrs. Blair and their son Aston. Mr. Blair is a brother of Mrs. Jones. Mr. Blair and his brother, J. R. Blair of El Paso, Tex., laid out the town of Columbus and were both in the town the night of the Villa raid, but escaped miraculously the guns of the bandits.

Mr. and Mrs. Blair are touring eastward and will visit at Albany N. Y., New York City, Newport and Washington, D. C., returning via Cincinnati to their home—Tel. Republican, Painesville, O.

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